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Fourth of July Features History and Fireworks in the Parks

The Fairfax County Park Authority offers several family-friendly Independence Day events in the coming days. You'll find that staying inside is not an option! Join us on July 4th for a wide array of program opportunities such as those listed below.

More than just fireworks, Independence Day is an opportunity for Americans to celebrate who they are and what it means to be an American. The day of freedom begins at Sully Historic Site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. where the public is invited to join the ranks of the founding fathers, scribbling their own personal note to the Declaration of Sully. For \$6, visitors get to keep their own quill pen and receive a guided tour of the site. Sully is located at 3601 Sully Road in Chantilly. For more information, please call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully>.

Once the kids begin itching for some afternoon fun, head over to Colvin Run Mill for a History Hunt at 1 p.m. Children ages six to ten will enjoy this educational scavenger hunt through local history. Following clues related to Fairfax County history, children will experience what life was like in historic Virginia. The event is \$4 for each child and free for adults. If the whole party is coming (10 or more children), please call ahead and make a reservation. Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great falls. For more information, call 703-759-2771 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm>.

There will be no excuses for watching the fireworks on television this year. Both Lee District Park and Lake Fairfax Park will have entertainment and fireworks in the evening. Park admission to both parks is free and fireworks will be rescheduled for July 5 in the case of inclement weather.

In traditional Fourth of July fashion, the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with onsite food vendors to count down the hours until dusk. Fireworks begin around 9:15 p.m. Regular admission to the Water Mine still applies. Lake Fairfax is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston. For information, please call 703-471-5415 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax>.

Lee District Park will celebrate with live music and international food from 5 p.m. until the fireworks display and formal ceremony at 9 p.m. This evening under the stars includes children's entertainment, carousel rides, a DJ and live band. Parking for the event cost \$5. Lee District is located at 6601 Telegraph Road in Franconia. For information, please call 703-922-9841 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm>.

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